



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes

Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Sq Dr NE
Blaine MN 55449

City Council Workshop

While this is a public meeting where interested persons are welcome to attend, it is a work session for City Council and staff to discuss issues before them. It is not for the purpose of receiving public input.

Monday, February 28, 2022

6:00 PM

Cloverleaf Farm Room A

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING

1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sanders at 6:00PM.

2 Roll Call

PRESENT: Mayor Tim Sanders, Councilmembers Wes Hovland, Julie Jeppson, Chris Massoglia, Richard Paul, Councilmember Jess Robertson.

ABSENT: Councilmember Jason Smith.

Quorum Present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Michelle Wolfe; Community Development Director Erik Thorvig; Finance Director/Assistant City Manager Joe Huss; Administrative Services Director Cassandra Tabor; Deputy Finance Director Ali Bong

Present: 6 - Councilmember Robertson, Councilmember Paul, Councilmember Hovland, Massoglia, Sanders, and Councilmember Jeppson

Absent: 1 - Smith

3 New Business

3-1 **Special Workshop - 2023 Proposed Tax Levy and General Fund Budget**

Attachments: [Retreat Presentation](#)
[Budget Workshop Presentation](#)
[Retreat Agenda Item](#)
[Draft Strategic Priorities Policy](#)

Finance Director/Assistant City Manager Joe Huss shared a report

stating Council devoted a generous portion of the January 29, 2022 Winter Retreat to discussions on development of the 2023 tax levy and General Fund budget. The retreat discussion focused on basics of the budget process, process improvement feedback, budget development, levy development, and strategic priorities. He said the goal of this workshop was to focus on levy development and strategic priorities then outlined economic conditions that affect the levy and strategy used as part of the budget process that includes prioritization and creating department-level budget proposals.

Council discussed strategic priorities, policy statement, examples of strategic fund uses suggested for projects such as Aquatore Park bandshell, traffic signals, trails (109th Avenue), redevelopment, road expansion, and reserve for levy containment. They reviewed other potential uses of the strategic priorities fund such as supplemental resource for funding capital equipment purchases and facilities fund reserve then reviewed data and information presented and discussed in detail City Council priorities, initiatives, and recommendations.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Sanders spoke about the upcoming board/commission interviews.

Mr. Huss shared about the upcoming conversion to Office 365 and steps needed to complete this for Council.

ADJOURN

The Workshop was adjourned at 8:52 PM.